

**C Dev 502: Community & Natural Resource Management (3 credits) Taught by South Dakota State—CORE COURSE**

**Course Dates: January 17-May 9, 2008**

Introduction to the breadth of consideration involved in community resource management. Includes theoretical frameworks, methodological investigation, and applied practices to enhance the ability of community development professionals to work with their communities to plan, develop, and monitor the conversation and development of natural resources with multiple functions.

**C Dev 504: Community Analysis (3 credits) Taught by South Dakota State—CORE COURSE**

**Course Dates: January 17-May 9, 2008**

Introduction to research methods relevant to community development. Course topics include how to formulate and begin a research effort, methods of data collection and how conceptual frameworks are used to develop the questions and analyze data. Also included are strategies for reporting findings and applying findings in community action. The course will also look at methods of evaluating the entire research process. Significant attention is paid to issues of research ethics and inclusiveness throughout the course.

**C Dev 506: Community and Regional Economic Analysis (3 credits) Taught by North Dakota State—CORE COURSE**

**Course Dates: January 8-March 31, 2008**

Introduction to concepts of communities and regions, theories of economic growth, drivers of economic growth, the economic base of a community, sources of growth or decline in the community, roles of local government and institutions, and analytical tools. Strategies for local economic development will also be explored.

**Textbook Information**

Shaffer, Deller, and Marcouiller. 2004. *Community Economics: Linking Theory & Practice*. Blackwell Publishing.

**Instructor: Larry Leistritz; [f.leistritz@ndsu.edu](mailto:f.leistritz@ndsu.edu)**

**C Dev 509: Building Native Community and Economic Capacity (3 credits)**

**Course Dates: February 4-April 11, 2008**

This is an elective track course within the Community Development On-line Master's Program, a program of the Great Plains Idea. It will focus on alternative approaches to helping Native communities build their community and economic capacity. Students will learn participatory, culture-centered, and strength based approaches to community development.

**C Dev 514X: Impact Analysis (1 credit) Taught by Iowa State**

**Course Dates: April 8-May 9, 2008**

The course teaches the basics of economic and fiscal impact analysis. It includes the scenario construction, basics of input-output analysis, careful use of multipliers, estimations of local revenues and expenditures and discounting.

**C Dev 516X: Local & Economic Analysis (1 credit) Taught by University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

**Course Dates: February 18-March 17, 2008**

This is an applied course that teaches economic base theory, a theory of regional economics, multipliers and how local economics are affected by external events. The course teaches basic methods for the analysis of a local economy. Methods include: trend analysis, location quotients, shift share analysis and retail trade analysis. The level of analysis is limited only by the level of data available.

#### Textbook Information

Shaffer, Deller, and Marcouiller. 2004. *Community Economics*. Blackwell Publishing.

**Instructor:** Dave Peters; [dpeters2@unl.edu](mailto:dpeters2@unl.edu)

#### **C Dev 520: Orientation to Community Development (1 credit) Taught by Iowa State**

**Course Dates:** January 14-March 16, 2008

Introduction to the Community Development program. Focus on on-line delivery methods, graduate level research and writing, technology skills.

#### Textbook information

No text is required

**Instructor:** Mary Emery; [memery@iastate.edu](mailto:memery@iastate.edu)

#### **C Dev 522X: Community Leadership and Capacity Building (3 credits) Taught by Iowa State**

**Course Dates:** January 14-May 9, 2008

Defining leadership and applying it to work. Understanding of potential link between leadership and community capacity. Identifying strategies for leadership development in communities.

#### **C Dev 524X: Non-Profit Management in Community Development (3 credits) Taught by Kansas State**

**Course Dates:** January 17-May 16, 2008

Students will gain an understanding of how non-profit organizations are run in order that they may participate more fully in community development efforts. Learning skills necessary to assist organizations to manage community development projects and programs, such as, budgeting, planning, personnel, facilities, volunteer management, and fundraising.